MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The undersigned parties, on behalf of the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems and the Vermont Pharmacists Association agree to work together to further the goal of providing interested pharmacists with medication discharge instructions that document new prescriptions, discontinued prescriptions and changed prescriptions. In furtherance of this goal, the parties do hereby agree that they will work together to complete the following by 01/31/16:

1) University of Vermont Health Network-Central Vermont Medical Center shall:
(a) Alert the pharmacists in their catchment area of the opportunity to receive medication discharge instructions upon patient discharge from the hospital for those patients who grant permission and identify the pharmacy as their primary pharmacy and;
(b) Develop a method for interested pharmacists to request to be included in the program.

2) Rutland Regional Medical Center shall implement a process to alert Beauchamp and O'Rourke, and any other requesting pharmacy when patients, who have identified a pharmacy as their primary pharmacy, are subject to a pending discharge. The alert is intended to prompt a specifically authorized pharmacist to look for changes to the patient's medications in the electronic health record. In accordance with the patients' authorization, specifically authorized pharmacists at Beauchamp and O'Rourke have access to the Rutland Regional Medical Center electronic medical record system for patients who have identified Beauchamp and O'Rourke as their primary pharmacy.

3) The Vermont Pharmacist's Association shall identify for the Vermont Association of Hospital and Health System pharmacies in communities other than those served by Central Vermont Medical Center and Rutland Regional Medical Center which would be interested in developing a medication discharge instruction process.

4) The parties and/or their representatives further agree that they will meet in-person and/or by phone on a monthly basis, as may be necessary, to ensure that the goals set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding can be attained by January 31, 2016.

Date: 1/6/16

Jill Mazza Olson
on behalf of the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Date: 12/17/15

Theo Kennedy
on behalf the Vermont Pharmacists Association